



FACT SHEET

GRID RESILIENCE STATE AND TRIBAL FORMULA GRANTS: U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

As states, tribes, and territories face threats from severe weather, the **Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants** will distribute **\$2.3 billion** over five years to strengthen and modernize America's power grid against wildfires, extreme weather, and other natural disasters that are exacerbated by the climate crisis. The first round of funding applies for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

In support of President Biden's Investing in America agenda, in September 2023, the Department of Energy awarded **\$2,142,136** to the **U.S. Virgin Islands** via the Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants program, which is supported by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Awards are based on a formula that includes factors such as population size, land area, probability and severity of disruptive events, and a locality's historical expenditures on mitigation efforts. Under the administration of the **Virgin Islands Energy Office**, the U.S. Virgin Islands will hold a competitive selection process to identify projects for which the roughly \$2 million in federal funding will be deployed.

GOALS INCLUDE

- › **Bolster reliability and resilience of the electric grid to reduce the frequency and duration of both power outages and power quality issues.**
- › **Deliver equitable reliability benefits across the U.S. Virgin Islands that fulfill Justice40 goals.**
- › **Implement sustainable solutions by developing a skilled workforce within the U.S. Virgin Islands that is equipped to operate and maintain various grid modernization and resilience efforts.**
- › **Provide energy resiliency closer to the point of demand through the increase in utility managed distributed energy resources to diversify methods of improving resiliency, especially at the extreme and vulnerable ends of the distribution network.**

HELPFUL LINKS

- › [Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grant Program](#)
- › [About the Grid Deployment Office](#)

